

SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 4 February 2020 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Institute, 19a Doncaster Avenue, Sandiacre, Derbyshire NG10 5FJ

PRESENT:

	Cllr W Major	Chairman
	Cllr Mrs L Bilbie	
	Cllr S Bilbie	Vice-Chairman
	Cllr Mrs S Dickman	
	Cllr Mrs C French	
A	Cllr A Gibson	
A	Cllr Mrs S Hales	
	Cllr T Hales	
A	Cllr S Jarratt	
A	Cllr Mrs C Powers	
	Cllr N Raycraft	
	Cllr T Sanghera	
A	Cllr Mrs K Stewart	
	Cllr R Stewart	

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs M Bloor - Clerk to the Parish Council

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Fourteen (11 for the public session)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

191. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor	Reason for absence
A Gibson	Family illness
Mrs S Hales	Other commitment
S Jarratt	Prior commitment
Mrs C Powers	Work commitment
Mrs K Stewart	Illness

RESOLVED: to approve the reasons for absence provided

It was noted that a close family member of Cllr Gibson was currently unwell and he was off work and unlikely to attend meetings until the situation had improved.

RESOLVED: that due to the above circumstances, Cllr Gibson be granted dispensation not to attend meetings of the Council for the following 6 month period, until July 2020

The Clerk was asked to inform Cllr Gibson of the dispensation and send a card on behalf of Members.

192. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest received.

193. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation.

194. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

Agenda Item 200. Planning - Matters for consideration after the Agenda was issued

RESOLVED: to consider the following:

Planning consultation		Decision notice	
ERE/0120/0066	243a Derby Road	ERE/0119/0065	45 Town Street

195. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Ladycross House Care Home

The public session was extended to allow all those present to comment.

Members of the public raised concerns that the future of Ladycross House Care Home now seemed in doubt as the facilities were being considered for closure by DCC, potentially resulting in job losses and disruption to older residents and their families through finding alternative accommodation.

DCC was currently consulting on the possible closure of 7 care homes across Derbyshire, including Ladycross House with a view to refurbishing 3 others.

Independent premises reports had identified substantial structural improvements were needed to some care homes to bring them up to the required standard and this would involve significant investment, including £1.3 million for Ladycross House.

Cllr Major explained why DCC was undertaking a review of care home premises and conducting a public consultation. He tabled a copy of the premises inspection report for Ladycross House and highlighted some of the main findings.

Following further discussion, Councillors encouraged everyone to respond to the consultation by 24/4/20 to ensure their views were taken into account before a final decision was taken by DCC.

The Parish Council would include this item on the March Agenda for consideration.

Residents were thanked for attending and the public session ended at 8.15pm. Three members of the public remained.

196. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

a) County Councillor report

Care Home facilities throughout Derbyshire

This item was addressed by Cllr Major during the public session.

b) Borough Councillors report

There was no report under this heading.

197. TO RESOLVE THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2020 ARE A CORRECT RECORD

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 January 2020, copies of which have been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

198. MATTERS FOR REPORT

178 IV. Christmas concert 2020: SMVC response

Sandiacre Male Voice Choir had confirmed a small group of their members would be pleased to lead carols at the Carols Around the Tree event each year.

179. Website provider: Acceptance of fees

Mr Bloor had conveyed his thanks to the Council for offering a fee of £25 per month for his services in maintaining the Council's website.

199. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Major, Cllr Bilbie and Cllr Mrs French (as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator) would meet with police officers on 17/2/20 to discuss priorities for Sandiacre. Although the introduction of a Community Speed Watch scheme had been suggested by the police, it was considered important to prioritise other issues first, such as drug use.

200. PLANNING

I. To consider consultations received from EBC

ERE/0120/0043 **Scout Hut, Stanton Road**

Change of use to pre-school and scout hut and the siting of one shipping container to be used as storage for the pre-school

RESOLVED: that no objections be made

ERE/0120/0066 **243A Derby Road**

Single storey side extension (garage/store

RESOLVED: that no objections be made

II. To note planning decisions taken by EBC

ERE/1119/0043 **271 Bostocks lane**

Application to construct a two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and front porch extension with access and front garden alterations

EBC: Approved 16/1/20

ERE/1019/0065 **45 Town Street**

Change of use from C2 assisted living conversion to class C3 residential dwellings

EBC: Approved 21/1/20

RESOLVED: to note the decisions taken

201. REPORT OF THE CLERK

I. Sandiacre reported crimes: December 2018 = 57 / December 2019 = 48

The above figures were noted.

II. Clerk's appraisal: Date to be confirmed

Cllr Major and Cllr Bilbie would arrange to meet with the Clerk during February to undertake her annual appraisal.

III. DALC: Salary award - 2% increase from 1/4/20

DALC had confirmed the annual pay settlement was still to be finalised. However, it was safe for Councils to assume staff salaries could be increased by 2% to 3%.

It was confirmed the Council's budget had included an increase for the Clerk of 2% from 1/4/20.

- IV. EBC: Borough & Parish Council Forum meeting: Friday 21/2/20 at 2.30pm
It was confirmed Cllr Sanghera and the Clerk would attend the Forum meeting.

RESOLVED: that should any votes be taken at the meeting, only Cllr Sanghera would have delegated authority to officially represent Sandiacre Parish Council

- V. FCC refund of grant / Application for Springfield Park play area
The Clerk confirmed that a refund of the Parish Council contribution of £88.28 had been received from FCC following a reduction in the grant allocation after Wicksteed had over-ordered safety matting.

Application for grant funding of Springfield Park's play area could now proceed.

- VI. Lamp columns: Station Road
A number of lamp columns remained unlit in the centre of Sandiacre and along Station Road despite several reminders to DCC to have the lights fixed at the earliest opportunity since the area was in semi-darkness at night.

The Clerk would continue to remind DCC to take urgent action and arrange for the 10 lamp columns to be fixed.

- VII. Millennium Quest: Christmas lights contract ended / Return of equipment
The Clerk reported that she had reminded Millennium Quest to arrange delivery of the Council's pea-lights and baubles. To date, no arrangements had been made.

- VIII. Leisure Lites: Christmas lights quote for hire of motifs
It was confirmed that Leisure Lites had provided a quote for a 3-year hire agreement to provide 30 new Christmas motifs. Costs included: free storage, installation, dismantling, and insurance cover whilst in storage, PAT testing and any necessary replacement / repairs to the decorations.

It was possible for the motifs to be installed and dismantled at the same time as those in Stapleford, thereby ensuring co-ordinated and earlier work.

Designs for new motifs were circulated. Besides a single design, a selection of motifs could be produced to provide a mixture of displays each year. The motifs were larger than those previously displayed.

RESOLVED: that the quote from Leisure Lites be approved and the Council would enter into a 3-year hire agreement at a cost of £8,250 + VAT per year (2020, 2021 and 2022)

Councillors considered that it would enhance the Christmas lights display by having additional motifs running further up Derby Road.

The Clerk would ascertain the cost of additional motifs and associated costs.

Leisure Lites would be asked to liaise with Millennium Quest for return of the pea-lights and baubles by courier to their storage depot.

This item would be included on the next Agenda for consideration of the designs.

- IX. Workshop: Climate Emergency Support 5/3/20 10am to 4pm. £30 (venue TBC)
Details were noted.

202. CONSULTATION

EBC - 2020 Core Strategy Review

First stage of Local Plan Review - Consultation ends 20/4/20

Documents available at Sandiacre library

www.erewash.gov.uk/index.php/local-development-framework/2020-core-strategy-review

RESOLVED: to note the consultation

203. POLICY REVIEW

- I. Disciplinary Policy
- II. Equality & Diversity Policy
- III. Grievance Policy

RESOLVED: to adopt the above policies without amendment

204. CEMETERY MATTERS

- I. Burials since the last meeting: G100: 22/1/20
- II. Interments since the last meeting: A176: 29/1/20
- III. Reserved: None

RESOLVED: to note the above

205. PARKS & OPEN SPACES

Work to cut back trees by a resident's property on Springfield Park had been undertaken that day and the invoice was included in the payment schedule.

There were no incidents to report except that the front of the notice board located on the corner of Coronation Avenue had been vandalised beyond repair and had been removed that day. Costs to replace the oak board would amount to over £600 + VAT.

RESOLVED: not to replace the wooden notice board or others that suffered vandalism in the future

The Council had 3 existing notice boards and a website to communicate effectively with residents. (*Located: Padmore Moorings, Austins Drive and the Council office*).

206. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) CIRCULARS

Circ. 1/2020	Index of Circulars 2019
Circ. 2/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Climate Emergency Derbyshire – book your workshop place now!• Be heard in Parliament Lobby Day• Opportunity to join DALC's Executive Committee and shape our future• Help save our 'lost' footpaths...• New funds available for village halls• Have Your Say – on Derbyshire Fire & Rescue• National Living Wage goes up• Clerk Salary Award• Help protect the principle of 'affordable homes'• Councillor Essentials training dates announced• And finally, DALC's Spring Seminar line-up revealed

RESOLVED: to note the above circulars

207. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

A financial statement was circulated at the meeting.

A budget monitoring report would be available at the next meeting.

208. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

To authorise the schedule of payments listed below:

<u>DD 2/1</u>	Water Plus (9648)	Office supply	10.12
<u>DD 13/1</u>	E.on (5590)	Bridge lights: Canal 1/10/19 – 31/12/19	25.36
<u>DD 16/1</u>	BT (3066)	Line rental / calls	90.79
<u>DD 20/1</u>	Sovereign	Play area inspections	47.99
<u>DD 20/1</u>	E.on (8660)	Electricity charges: Office/DARG	69.49
3657	Mrs Bloor	Salary: January	1,448.16
3658	HMRC	Tax/NIC's: January	382.93
3659	Andrew's GS	Litter picking: January	632.40
3660	Andrew's GS	Low level maintenance work: January	210.00
3661	G Verney	Springfield Park: Tree work	170.00
		Total:	<u>3,087.24</u>

RESOLVED: that the accounts presented for payment be approved.

As per Financial Regs: 5.2, the schedule of payments was signed by the Chairman.

209. INCOME RECEIVED

1	NS&I Savings Account Interest	1.39
23	Bailey's (Mason): A2,RA,G12 - H/S	160.00
23	Lymns: G100 - H/S approval	160.00
23	FCC: Refund of grant contribution	88.28
29	Gillotts: Plot A176 x 2, Int + Pre-paid Int	320.00
31	HSBC Election Costs Account	0.01
31	HSBC Savings (Business) Account	5.95
31	HSBC Grant Account	0.01
	Total:	<u>735.64</u>

RESOLVED: to note the income received

210. CORRESPONDENCE

Items received had previously been referred to in the Minutes.

211. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

No items were deemed confidential.

212. TO NOTE THE DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

TUESDAY, 3 MARCH 2020

- Annual Parish Meeting at 6.40pm
- Full Council meeting at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed by the Chairman: _____ Date: _____